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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Bryan Marks

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN MAN SENTENCED
TO 135 MONTHS ON CHILD PORN CHARGES**

A Presque Isle man was sentenced today to 135 months in prison following his conviction on child pornography charges, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Andrew G. Arena, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Desmond Scanlon, Special Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service in Detroit.

Bryan Marks, 23, of Presque Isle, Michigan, which is located in the northeast corner of the Lower Peninsula, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Thomas Ludington, in Bay City Michigan, to 135 months in prison followed by three years supervised release.

Marks pleaded guilty in March of this year. The information presented to the court at the time of the plea showed that on or about April 13, 2006, Marks transported 14 child pornography images, via the internet, to an undercover agent in Buffalo, New York. The images primarily consisted of prepubescent children posing nude and engaging in sexually explicit acts with adult males.

United States Attorney Murphy stated, "Today's sentence imposes the stringent kind of penalty that is necessary to deter others from the pernicious child porn trade. Our Child Safe

Initiative will aggressively pursue all of those who exploit children through child porn or solicitation."

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafecchildhood.gov/."

This case was prosecuted by Jeanine Jones, Assistant United States Attorney.